

Pima County Board of Health
Minutes
March 28, 2012
Room 1108, Abrams Building
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85714

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Horwitz called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Mr. Schlueter called the roll as follows:

Mr. An - absent
Mr. Elías - absent
Dr. Fulginiti
Ms. Gonzales
Dr. Horwitz
Ms. McComb-Berger
Mr. Rojas
Dr. Smith
Mr. Stopani
Ms. Trowbridge

A quorum was established.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Stopani led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. MINUTES ADOPTION

- Adopt Board of Health February 22, 2012 Minutes

The motion was made and seconded (Rojas/Fulginiti) that the February 22, 2012 Minutes be adopted as written. The motion carried.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER GAIL SMITH

Dr. Gail Smith, a new Board appointee from District 3 (Supervisor Bronson), introduced herself to the Board and briefly spoke about her background. Dr. Smith is a retired OB/GYN who practiced in Philadelphia. She also served as the Medical Director for the Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Assault (SACASA) in Tucson.

5. COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK GRANT UPDATE

Health Department Director Sherry Daniels spoke briefly about the \$15.8 million federal, obesity prevention grant. The two-year grant focused on sustainable policy, systems and environmental changes. The grant's closing conference was held on March 16.

Donald Gates, Communities Putting Prevention to Work (CPPW) Program Manager, showed a video which highlighted the numerous accomplishments supported by the grant. The Board was also provided handouts on the local Smart Choices for Healthy Dining program.

6. REVIEW OF ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS

Ms. Daniels utilized a PowerPoint presentation (attached) to inform the Board about the 10 essential public health services. The ten services involve three groupings of function: assessment, policy development and assurance. The 10 services are monitor health status; diagnose and investigate; inform, educate, and empower; mobilize community partnerships; develop policies and plans; enforce public health laws and regulations; link people to needed services/assure care; maintain a competent public health and medical workforce; evaluate and improve programs; and research. In addition to her input, Ms. Daniels called upon a number of managers present to speak on the various services. Managers providing input included Community Surveillance and Investigation Division Manager Marcy Flanagan; Records and Administrative Services Division Manager Brad McKinney; Chief Medical Officer Michelle McDonald and TB Program Nurse Manager Anne Davis. As the 10 services were discussed the presentation touched on Department program examples of these services. It was pointed out that the various programs perform many if not all of the services. As the presentation concluded comments turned toward the desire to focus on services that the Department lacks resources to provide and Ms. Daniels indicated her intent to focus on the more pressing needs by service at the next meeting.

7. BUDGET PREPARATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012/2013 BUDGET

Mr. McKinney provided a handout and information on the fiscal year 2012/2013 budget. The Department is provided a dollar amount by County Administration and then has to build its budget based on that amount. The budget goes to County Administrator Huckelberry for his review, then to the Board of Supervisors for adoption. Once the budget is adopted the Department cannot spend more money even if it generates more. In recent years supplemental packages (requests for additional funding for specific needs not already addressed) have not been submitted due to the economic downturn; however, the Department's proposed FY 12/13 budget includes a supplemental request for \$219,110 related to the Agenda item 8 (CHANGES TO FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS).

The FY 12/13 revenue figures are expected to fall short of the expenditure total by roughly \$1.3 million, largely due to the intrinsic budgetary challenges of animal care. In past years the Department has been able to draw from the Health Fund balance; however, reductions to General Fund subsidies have already trimmed the Health Fund balance to the point where it will not be able to cover the \$1.3 million. Board members expressed concern regarding this situation; discussed communications with the Board of Supervisors on the budget; and requested talking points to aid in these communications. For the next meeting the Department will provide talking points and possible scenarios related to the Department's FY 12/13 budget imbalance.

8. CHANGES TO FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

Community Health Services Division Manager Kathleen Malkin was unable to attend the Board meeting, so Ms. Daniels spoke on this item. Ms. Malkin had attended a recent State meeting regarding vaccine policy changes coming from the CDC. Starting in January 2013 the federal government will no longer provide funding for immunizations for underinsured children. There will be less money flowing through the State for immunizations. The Department will be required to purchase vaccine that presently is provided for free, and will then need to bill insurance providers for the vaccine. This change is the reason for the aforementioned supplemental budget request. An additional concern related to these changes is that the Department is not currently well configured as a billing agent.

9. FINALIZE THE BOARD'S PIMA ANIMAL CARE CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

This item is a continuation from the February Board meeting. Ms. Daniels touched on the composition and purpose the Committee which meets monthly at the Pima Animal Care Center. Dr. Smith volunteered to serve on the Committee. Having given all members of the Board opportunity to serve on the Committee, the motion was made and seconded (Horwitz/Gonzales) that Dr. Smith serve on the Committee. The motion carried.

10. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Daniels discussed legislative issues related to public health. House Bill 2625, related to contraception, was voted down in the Senate. House Bill 2472, related to diagnostic pathways into AHCCCS funded treatment, looks like it will pass. House Bill 2154, strengthening child restraints laws, is moving forward. The bill on nutritional postings for restaurants is doing poorly. Senate Bill 1059, which limits liability for school districts for shared use of space, passed. There are a number of animal care bills being considered during this legislative session. The most troublesome of these bills is related to animal cruelty and tie-outs for ranch dogs.

11. CALL TO AUDIENCE

There were no speakers from the audience.

12. SUMMATION OF ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Daniels summarized action items from the meeting. The action items identified were:

- Dr. Smith volunteered to serve on the Animal Care Advisory Committee.
- Related to the CPPW presentation, Ms. Daniels requested evaluation work done by the University of Arizona be an Agenda item at the next meeting.
- Related to discussions on both the essential public functions and the budget, the Department will focus on unmet needs and bring to the next meeting additional information on what the Department won't be able to do because of budget limitations and possible areas for cuts.
- Going forward, there was a request for information on how functional accommodation needs are addressed in the community.
- There was a request for talking points related childhood immunizations and the budget to assist the Board in their interactions with the Board of Supervisors on these matters and those will be provided.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.